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WHAT has Westfield, New Jersey, to do with one of the most important economic questions of the day? It offers one of the best solutions. "Where shall we live?" rises paramount to most other considerations, but is influenced to the greatest degree by the location of our business. While cheap and rapid transportation tends to distribute business over constantly widening areas, still this great force is not sufficient to overcome the advantages which business interests find to exist in centralization. Indeed, our transportation facilities seem to be as important factors in building up established cities, as in colonizing new ones. Despite the constant emigration from all our large cities, not one of them has failed to show an increase in population during the past decade. Hence it is, that New York is to-day the leading mart of the country. Her geographical position makes it seem impossible that any other city of the continent should eclipse her in growth. But Manhattan Island is small, and while it is probable that it will ever maintain its position as the leading business center of the land, it is already unable to provide homes for its people. A demand never exists long without a supply. As the result of the demand for homes near New York, a number of cities and villages have sprung up along the line of the Central R. R. of New Jersey, whose chief industry—to use the terse phraseology of the general passenger agent of the road—is "going to New York." We have said that Westfield offers one of the best solutions to the question, "Where shall we live?" We do not claim that it is the only solution. This is a conservative Eastern village, and makes no attempt to set forth its advantages in the seductive style of the West We court comparison, however, of our simple little sketch, with Westfield itself, in the consciousness that we have not described a mirage, or tempted you with Dead-Sea fruits. The New York station of the Central R. R. of New Jersey is at the foot of Liberty street. The trip across the North river is made in commodious, and in every way comfortable boats. After a wearisome day in the hot city, this ten minutes' ride upon the water is very refreshing.

RESIDENCE OF JAMES T. PIERSON.

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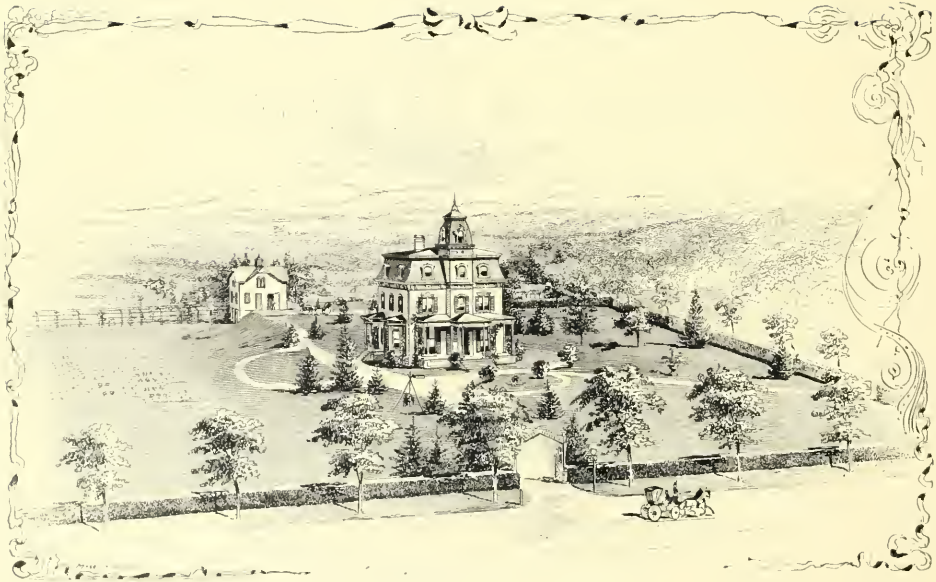

"LAWVILLE," RESIDENCE OF JOHN T. LAWRENCE.

There is almost always a breeze on the river and it is impossible to look down the bay, back at New York, and across to the Jersey side, without seeing something to divert and interest the mind. The horizon of most of us is so circumscribed by the four walls of office, bank, or counting-room, or at best, no more extended than a stretch of crowded thoroughfare with a strip of blue sky showing between the towering masses of brick and stone on either hand; that it seems this look out into the world, every night and morning, could but be a most healthful change. Express time from New York to Westfield is 42 minutes, the distance 19 miles by rail. Very few railroad stations are more magnificent in their proportions or more convenient in arrangement, than the one at Jersey City, at which, we board the train for Westfield. There are 24 trains each way per day, running during the busy hours, night and morning, from 15 to 30 minutes apart. These connect with the ferry-boats, which are constantly plying back and forth across the river. Nearly all of these trains are express, and do not stop at every station. The road-bed is rock ballasted, free from curves, four tracked with steel rails, provided with block signals and fully equipped for rapid transit without danger. The locomotives burn only hard coal, doing away with cinders and dust. The coaches are modern, spacious, well-lighted, richly finished in oak, with upholstering of harmonious color and texture, and so perfectly mounted that scarcely a jar is felt as they speed from station to station. Westfield is certainly accessible, and as we step off upon the platform and look around us, we appreciate that the Railroad company must be interested in the town, or they would not have beautified it with such an architectural gem of a station. This interest is easily explained, for there are nearly 500 commuters at $75 a year, to say nothing of their families and those who do not travel every day. The station proper—a handsome stone structure—stands upon the north side of the track; on the south side is a comfortable waiting-room, while on either side extends a well-kept and beautiful park. The imposing brick edifice surmounting the elevation at the south, is the Lincoln high school, of which any town might be proud. Entering the village our attention is first attracted by the fine, large brick building of the Standard Publishing Concern; a little further on is the new First National bank of Westfield. This large brick building stands, like the one first mentioned, on a triangle. The archi-

RESIDENCE OF E. J. WHITEHEAD.

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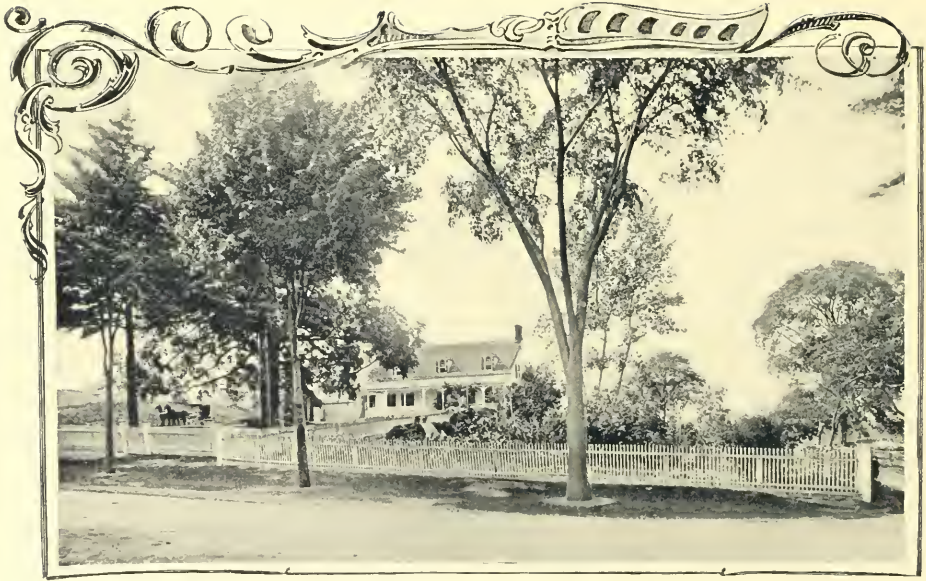

RESIDENCE OF CHAUNCEY B. RIPLEY.

tectural design is well adapted to its location, and rising from the broad pavement at its base, it stands a monument to the thrift and enterprise of the town. The club-house of the Westfield Athletic association will next command our admiration. Built at the cost of about $20,000, it would be hard to find its equal in any other town of but 3000 inhabitants. It stands back from the street, upon a lawn sloping gently in all directions. The grounds are beautifully laid out and provided with tennis court, etc. The design and construction of the building is perfectly adapted to its requirements, and is sufficiently ornate to please the eye and make an ornament to the village, of which they may be excused for boasting. Within this spacious edifice will be found bowling alleys, billiard rooms, ladies' parlors, smoking halls and all the usual appointments of a first-class club-house, while the top floor is devoted to a hall of goodly proportions and pleasing design. Yet farther on is the old church green, at the upper end of which stands the Presbyterian church with its tall spire rising high in air—memorial of the past and watch-tower of the present; for the location of this church is no more prominent than has been its connection with the history of Westfield. Its interior is remarkable for harmony of decoration, but at night, when the church is lighted, the light bursts through the stained glass windows in one grand symphony of color, and it seems as if the very radiance of heaven were reflected here. Ah, to the lover of the beautiful, Westfield, indeed, hath charms. Where in the wide, wide world, is the grass greener, the sky bluer, or the air purer? Why, the very exhileration of such an atmosphere sets every nerve a tingle, and the whole world aglow. There, to the north, scarce more than two miles away, are the beautiful Orange mountains, and the gentle zephyrs, playing about the brow of the lofty Watchung, are wafted down to mingle with the cool sea breezes, fresh from leagues of ocean travel. Yes, midway between sea and mountain, with a dry and porous soil. Where is the need of Colorado? There is here no desert waste, no pestilential marsh, but a leaf-embowered haven of rest, built upon an ever-varying series of gentle undulations. No matter what your hobby, as to the particular point on the compass that your house should face; you can find here a green hillside with just the exposure you prefer. Situated 168 feet above tidewater; you can build your home upon an eminence so high, that as the sun goes down, the rays from

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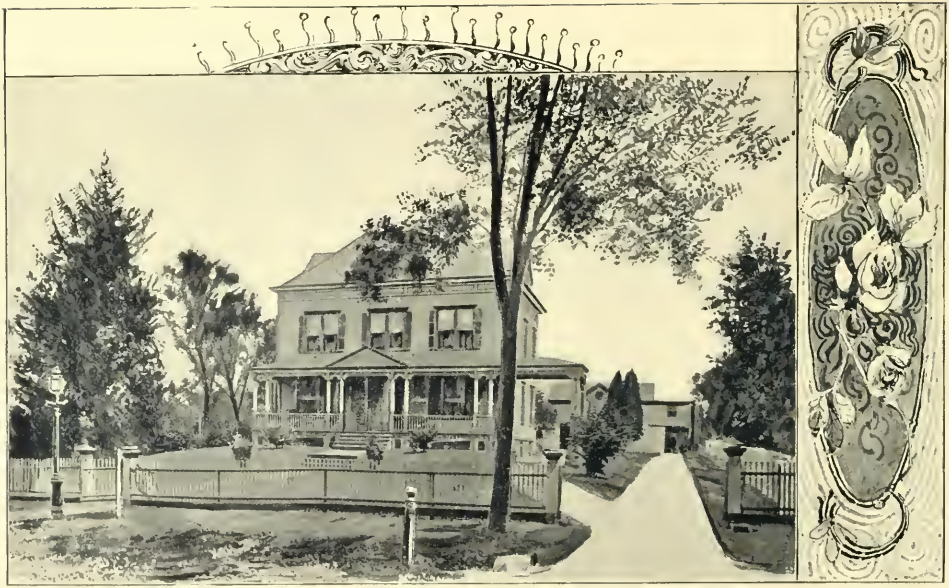
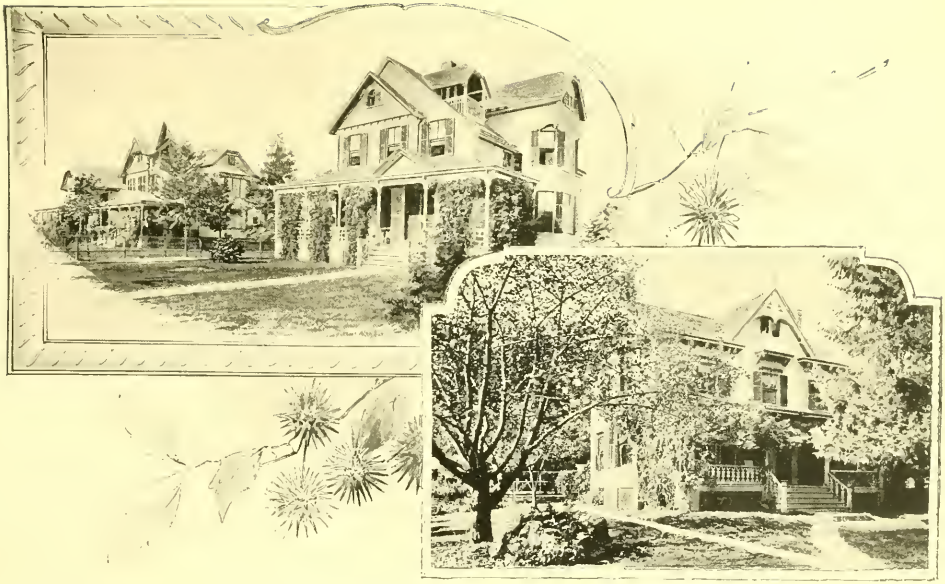


RESIDENCE OF N. B. GARDNER.

the torch of Liberty will fall about you, and you can view the dome of the "World" in its effulgence, or trace the thread of lights which mark the airy pathway from Gotham to her sister city. All this, and yet you have not tasked the capacity of your lungs by the ascent of some steep acclivity. Still, if this be not mountain enough for you there are spurs of the Blue Ridge within two miles of Westfield, where you can perch your home upon a rock, high in air, like an eagle's nest. If Westfield is accessible it is also easy to get away from: for it is here that the world famous Union County roads intersect, and in fact, had their origin. Should you tire of your immediate surroundings, you will find it a delightful drive over this macademized roadway, five miles west to the beautiful city of Plainfield, or seven miles east to Elizabeth, with its memories of Revolutionary days; you can go south to Rahway, north to Summit, the Oranges and Newark. In fact, picturesque drives abound in every direction, which are in good condition for coach or bicycle. As to the homes of Westfield, we refer you to our illustrations. Are they not attractive? Broad streets, canopied with the intermingling branches of elm and maple, lead past dwellings whose artistic construction, combined with their beautifully laid out and well-kept grounds, at once bespeak them the homes of wealth and refinement. The perfectly paved streets, with good side-walks and electric lamps testify to the enterprise of the Town Committee. An abundance of the purest water is brought in pipes from the pumping station at Netherwood. This, combined with a well-organized and well-equipped fire department, is an advantage not to be overlooked. The pretty little church, just east of the Presbyterian, is a new one, built by the Congregationalists. The Episcopalians usually give heed to the artistic, both in the construction of their buildings, and the selection of a site. The little chapel gracefully retiring behind a veil of thick foliage, is no exception; and what worshipper can fail to be enchanted with the scene as he pauses a moment at the portal to look around. At his feet lies Clark's lake, and, if it be the tranquil vesper hour, across this lake and shining through the trees, he sees the glory of the western sky, the sun's parting benediction; while again, from the windows of the church on the hill, is reflected this marvellous blending of color. But these are not all; there are seven churches, and when on a bright Sabbath morn, you listen to the peeling bells, you marvel

RESIDENCE OF FRED. A. KINCH, M. D.



"RIDGEVIEW COTTAGES" AND RESIDENCE OF C. F. CONANT.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN S. BURHANS.

how each can so distinctly proclaim its creed that none go astray. Yet the Baptists gather on Elm street, where their church and parsonage stand; the Methodists a little farther down Broad street, and the Catholics cross over the railroad track to the south. The educational facilities are all that could be desired, including public schools, well graded from primary to high school, besides various private schools. Principal among the latter is the Westfield Seminary. It is healthfully and beautifully located at Meadow Brook Farm, Rahway avenue. This is truly a model Christian home for the education of boys and girls. In addition to the regular English branches careful attention is given to social culture, music and art, while with its fine athletic grounds the physique is by no means neglected. It is open to both boarding and day scholars. The Westfield Public Library was incorporated in 1879, and it is no doubt due to the indefatigable labors of the ladies—by whom it has been managed exclusively—that it has attained its present rank among the public institutions of Westfield. Quite a nucleus has been accumulated toward a building fund, and it is to be hoped that the ladies will be encouraged in their work by liberal donations. The Children's Country Home, is one of the most noble charities of our land, and should be imitated in every village situated within easy access of our large cities. Here a suitable home is provided for the shelter and care, for two or three weeks in summer, of the delicate waifs of New York and vicinity, to whom this breath of fresh air and glimpse of God's world in its virgin purity is not only physical salvation, but ofttimes moral as well. Midway between Westfield and Cranford is Fairview Cemetery, located upon an elevation commanding superb views in every direction. The grounds are beautifully laid out, and with its handsome lodge, soldier's monument and all the varied memorials which have been erected to perpetuate the memory of departed friends it stands—as a whole—a grand symbol of that love and affection which unite us all through the ties of home, friends and state into one great brotherhood. A small but pretty clubhouse is occupied by the Union League. The news is furnished by two weekly papers, the *Union County Standard* and the *Westfield Leader*. In the fine building of the First National Bank is the Post Office, a money order office. The town has a free express delivery, telegraph and telephone offices. The business interests are subserved by stores, markets, etc., ample to supply every demand.

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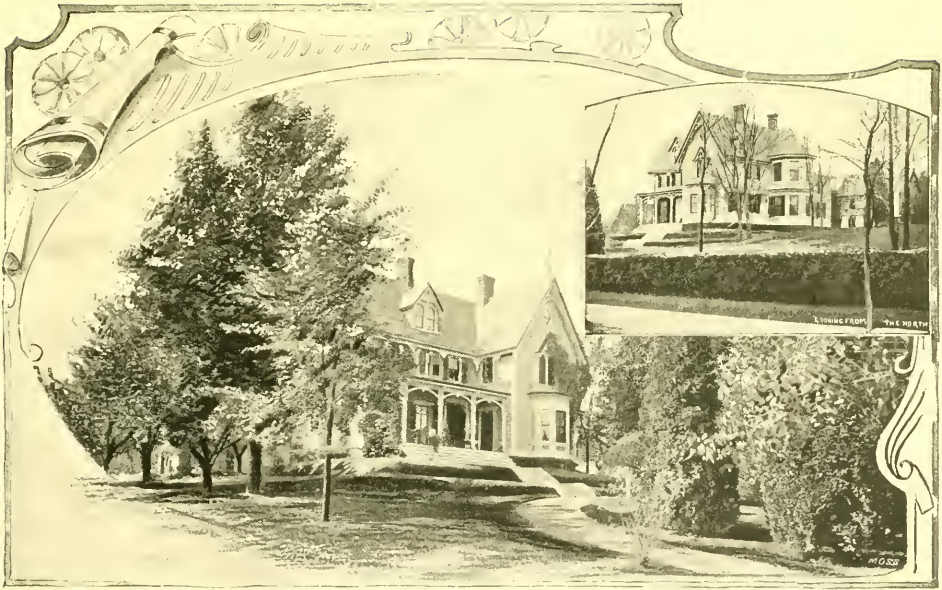

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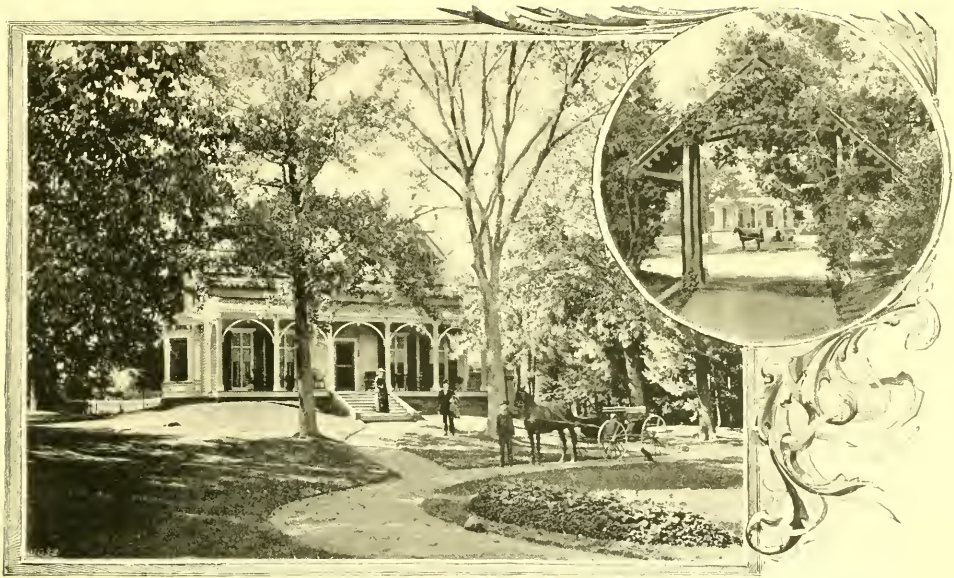

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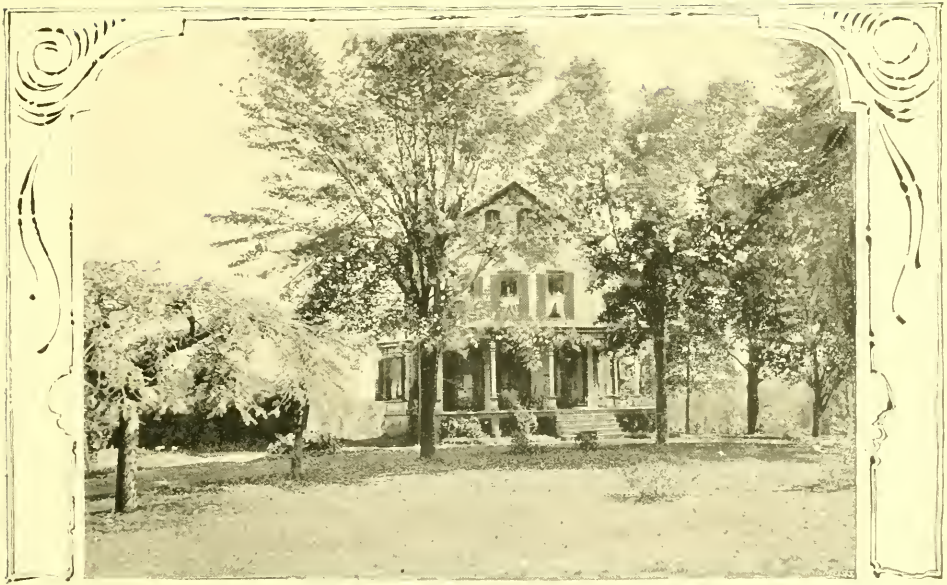

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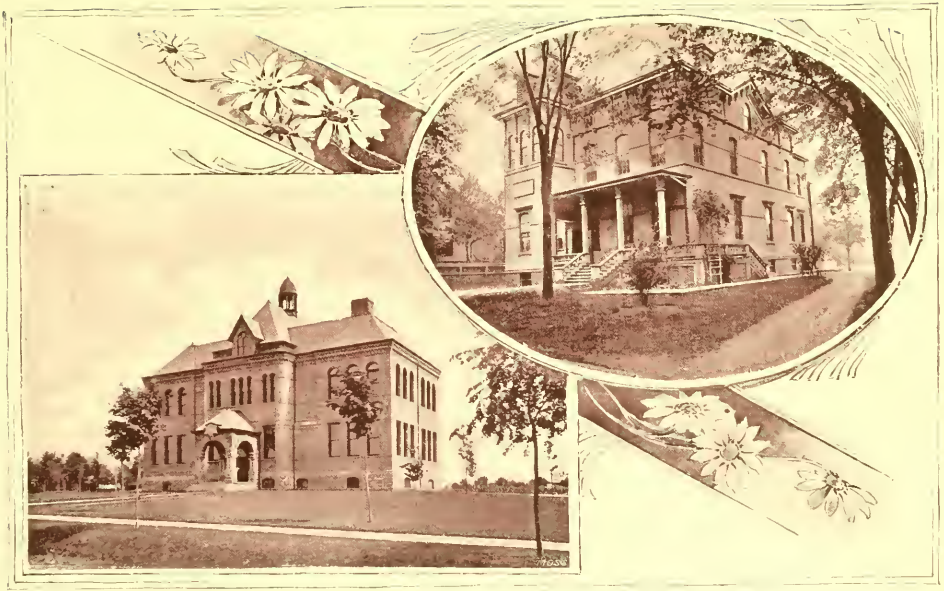

LINCOLN HIGH-SCHOOL. PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL.

"WESTFIELD SEMINARY," MRS. HANNAH E. ARCHER.

INTERIOR VIEWS "WESTFIELD SEMINARY."

A SHORT HISTORICAL SKETCH

BY

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OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Western towns often begin with a saloon—Westfield began with a church, and the history of Westfield is closely allied with the history of her churches. This tract of land was not wrested, but honorably purchased from the Indians. About 1700, a few hardy pioneers ventured out from "Elizabeth Town," by means of blazed trees, crossed "Crane's Ford" (Cranford) and began locating at "West Fields" and "Scotch Plains." In 1720 this parish was "settled." The people at first worshipped at "Elizabeth Town," but in 1727 "they became so numerous. . . that they began to hold public services among themselves on the Lord's Day" in a log meeting house, one half mile east of the present village. About 1730, the first pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Hubbel, was installed. A large bass drum called the congregation together, every male member carrying a gun, through fear of the Indians. An old Indian burying ground is still pointed out, beyond Fairview cemetery. Plainfield was as yet unborn. "Neither church nor minister," says Dr. Hatfield, "was yet to be found in the regions beyond, towards the setting sun. It was the extreme border of civilization." Westfield was half a century old at the time of the Revolution, and took a prominent part in that great struggle for Independence. Space will permit the narration of only one or two incidents: In 1735 a frame church superceded the log house, and was located near the present site. Until a steeple was added the bell was hung in a large apple tree. During the Revolution this bell was hurled from the new steeple, taken to New York, and returned uninjured after the War. The church was often taken and re-taken by the British. General Washington and his troops often stopped at Westfield, camping near the old spring back of the church. Upon the advance of the British or their Indian allies, the women and children were taken for safety to the Badgly farm and other places on the mountains. In the above building, was held the court martial which condemned Morgan, the ruthless murderer of Rev. James Caldwell, of Elizabeth. Morgan

was tried Jan. 21, 1782. Chief Justice John C. Symmes presided, and the Westfield jurymen were Ephraim Scudder, Benjamin Meeker, David Ross, Aaron Woodruff and Mr. Ryno. While pastor at Elizabeth, Caldwell was such an ardent patriot, that he was made Chaplain in the army, and member of the State Council. A trusted friend of Washington, and idolized by the soldiers, he was so hated by the British that his house was burned, goods destroyed, wife murdered, and soon his own death was accomplished. Morgan was convicted, and hung on "Gallows Hill" on Broad street, just east of Westfield. The weather was intensely cold and Morgan was considerate, for he said to the officer, "Do your duty quickly—the people are suffering from the cold." By a strange coincidence the present pastor of the Presbyterian church at Westfield is a member of the same family as that of Caldwell the Revolutionary martyr. Bret Harte has thus immortalized a thrilling incident in the life of the Revolutionary hero:

Here's the spot. Look around you. Above on the height
Lay the Hessians encamped. By that church on the right
Stood the gaunt Jersey farmers, and here ran a wall.
You may dig anywhere and you'll turn up a ball.
Nothing more, grasses spring, waters run, flowers blow
Pretty much as they did 93 years ago.

Nothing more did I say? Stay a moment. You've heard
Of Caldwell the parson who once preached the word
Down at Springfield? What! No? Come that's bad. Why he had
All the Jerseys aflame. And they gave him the name
Of "Rebel High Priest." He stuck in their gorge,
For he loved the Lord God. And he hated king George.

He had cause you might say! When the Hessians that day
Marched up with Knyphausen, they stopped on their way
At the "Farms," where his wife with a child in her arms
Sat alone in the house. How it happened none knew
But God, and that one of the hireling crew
Who fired the first shot! Enough! There she lay,
And Caldwell the Chaplain, her husband away!

Did he preach? Did he pray? Think of him as you stand
By the old church to-day; think of him and that band
Of militant plough boys! See the smoke and the heat
Of that reckless advance. Of that straggling retreat!
Keep the ghost of that wife, foully slain in your view
And what would you! What would you! What would *you* do!

Why just what he did! They were left in the lurch
For the want of more wadding. He ran to the church,
Broke the door, stripped the pews, and dashed out in the road
With his arms full of hymn-books and threw down his load
At their feet! Then above all the shouting, and shots
Rang his voice: "Put Watts into 'em—boys, give 'em Watts!"

And they did, that's all. Grasses spring, flowers blow
Pretty much as they did 93 years ago.
You may dig anywhere and you'll turn up a ball,
But not always a hero like this. And that's all.

During the past century Westfield, finding the original allotment of acreage too small, has sent many forth to assist in peopling Indiana, Ohio and the country lying close to the Great Lakes. In the old cemetery, hard by the Presbyterian church, may still be discerned the burial stones of the ancient fathers. Many of these stones show the marks of time and some are almost undecipherable. A monument association should be formed to preserve this old "God's Acre." The oldest stone bears the inscription "Noah, infant son of William and

Hannah Miller, Died 1730." Another stone has for the finis, "John Grant, Amen—Adieu." Here may be seen the last resting place of many soldiers of the Revolution, and headstones exist to the memory of heroic women of that time who did harder fighting in the home than was done by many of the sturdier sex upon the bloody field. The probably last survivor of the Revolution on the colonial side lies in this sacred place of rest. The war records prove him to be William Clark of New Jersey, who died in 1853. Westfield furnished its quota of treasure and men in those stirring times. The country all about was fired with military ardor. Troops were constantly marching between Westfield, Springfield and Scotch Plains, while skirmishes with the British foraging parties were frequent. In June of 1777 the enemy, under Howe and Cornwallis, advanced in force from Amboy to attack Washington at Morristown. Stirling's brigade engaged them at Scotch Plains and drove the Britishers back. The enemy then moved to Westfield, but merely passed a night here, finding the place too strongly guarded to attack successfully. In their retreat they were much annoyed by the light horse of the Elizabeth Town militia. It is interesting to note that during the first quarter of this century the dense forests in the vicinity of Westfield supplied the best material for the shipbuilding carried on in New York. The timber cut was unusually free from flaws and the trees were so large that, when felled, a good-sized man could not look over them. They were hauled to Staten Island Sound by ox teams and at high tide floated to their destination. The Westfield forests also supplied all timber for the hulls, spars and masts of the American war vessels. Thus it appears that this ancient town of Westfield has never been lacking in patriotism of the noblest type. Nor has the ancient spirit fled, but its traces exist in the lives of the men and women of to-day. Now, as then, is to be found that same devotion to God and love of fireside. Now, as then, we find devoted men who dare to do right because it is right, and who with earnest purpose and fearless speech preserve the traditions of the fathers. Truth is still venerated, edu-

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY.

METHODIST CHURCH.

cation highly prized, and literature, art and science have advanced apace. The average Westfielder, while enjoying the beauty and healthfulness of the village, thinks kindly of those who have left such a history for emulation and encouragement.

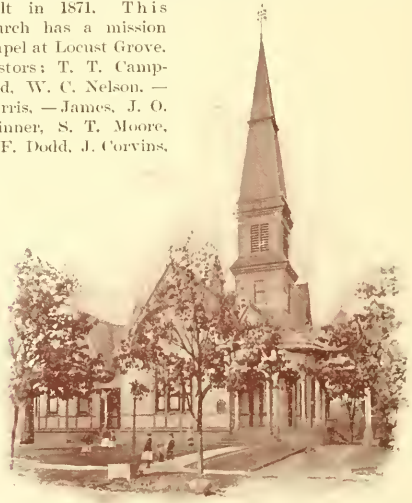
On a preceding page is a sketch of the Presbyterian church erected in 1803, which stood until July 2, 1861. "In 163 years this time-honored organization has had but eleven pastors: Nathaniel Hubbel; John Grant, 1750; Benjamin Woodruff, 1759; Thomas Picton, 1805; Alexander Frazer, 1819; Edwin Holt, 1827; James M. Hunting, 1832; Edward B. Edgar, 1850; Alexander McKelvey, 1874; William H. Gill, 1878. It is said that "good hives often swarm." This church gave about 30 members to the Craneville (Cranford) Presbyterian church, when it was organized in 1851; an equal number to the M. E. Church of Westfield and about 60 members to the Congregationalists. The present pastor, Rev. N. W. Cadwell, was educated at Munroe Collegiate, Hamilton College and Auburn Theological Seminary. He took the first oratorical prizes of his class at preparatory school and college and was admitted to the bar. During the last ten years the church has been remodeled, a new parsonage built, a union chapel erected at Willow Grove, and 530 added to the membership. Present membership 600.

BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The church has lately renewed its strength, is progressive along safe lines, and is active in all great moral reforms.

The first Methodist service in Westfield was held in 1849. During 1850 the Westfield and Springfield M. E. congregations were under one pastor, but on March 27, 1851, the Westfield church was set off and organized with a membership of 28. Lands were donated by the late Matthias Clark and later by James R. Ferris. The corner stone of the first structure was laid Nov. 4, 1851, and the church dedicated Dec. 28th, of the same year. The present building was erected in 1873. The commodious and beautiful parsonage is an enlargement of one built in 1871. This church has a mission chapel at Locust Grove. Pastors: T. T. Campfield, W. C. Nelson, — Harris, — James, J. O. Winner, S. T. Moore, J. F. Dodd, J. Corvins.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

R. B. Collins, B. O. Parvin, H. M. Simpson, Elihu Grant, J. J. Reed, C. S. Ryman, Alexander Craig, T. H. Smith, W. L. Hoagland, Geo. W. Smith, J. A. Owen, Wesley Martin. The present pastor, Rev. W. H. Ruth, was educated at the Collegiate Institute of Easton and at Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Ruth taught for many years and took a partial medical course before entering the ministry. Present membership 300.

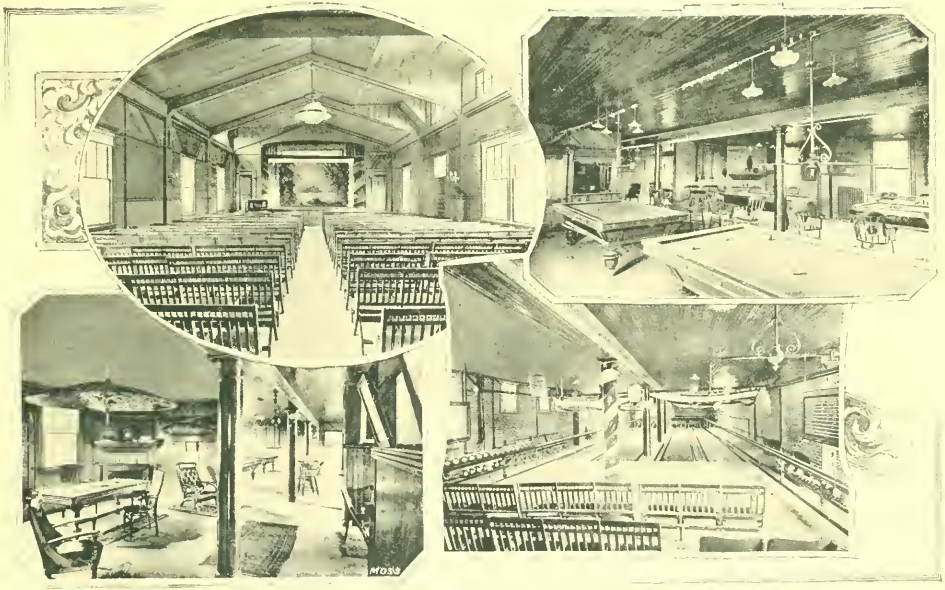
The nucleus of the Baptist church in Westfield was formed in December, 1865. They worshipped at first in the Presbyterian chapel. The next December, at a Council of Churches and Pastors, the 36 constituent members were organized as a Baptist church and in the afternoon of the same day the corner stone of a new chapel was laid with rejoicing and thanksgiving. The dedication of the completed building took place September 5, 1867. The Rev. Joseph Greaves gave the church three consecutive years of gratuitous service, after which he was invited to become the pastor. The "influence of the following six years is felt with positive strength to-day." Pastors: Joseph Greaves, 1867; Charles A. Harris, 1876; E. H. Bronson, 1880; S. F. Massett, 1883; J. K. Folwell, 1885. During Mr. Folwell's pastorate an addition to the church was built, a new parsonage erected and special organized work begun among the colored people, which resulted in the erection of a chapel for them in January 1890. An independent colored Baptist church is now being organized. The present pastor is Rev. John G. Dyer. Membership 195.

The Grace Protestant Episcopal Church edifice has an attractive exterior and the steeple contains a chime of sweet toned bells. This church was organized July 2, 1867, at the residence of Rev. P. E. Coe, who became the first rector. Rectors: P. E. Coe, Harris C. Rush, Thomas E. Drumm, William Heaks (minister in charge), Alfred R. Taylor. The present incumbent is Rev. Joseph Bernard Jennings, B. D. Mr. Jennings was educated for the ministry at the Theological Seminary of Virginia, and at Nashotah Theological Seminary, Wisconsin, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in the class of 1880.

The Roman Catholics are well represented, being about 300 strong. The congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity was organized September 2, 1872, with the following Board of Trustees: President, Rt. Rev. J. R. Bayley, D.D.; Vice-President, V. Rev. M. A. Corrigan, D.D., V. G.; Rector and Secretary, Rev. G. I. Misdziol. Lay Trustees: Daniel O'Connor and John Feeley. The number of members was about 75. The various Rectors have been: P. S. Dagnault, A. Bergmann, Augustine Eberhard and William J. Wiseman, D.D. The present Board of Trustees are: President, Rt. Rev. W. M. Wigger, D.D.; Vice-President, V. Rev. John J. O'Connor, V. G.; Rector and Secretary, Rev. James P. Smith. Lay Trustees: Patrick Traynor and Frederick Scheelin.

The Congregational Church of Christ was organized in 1880, as an offshoot from the Presbyterian Church. The edifice was erected on Elmer street in 1882. The first pastor was Rev. Henry Neill, who was called in 1881 and remained until 1886. Under his leadership the church was soon firmly established. The present pastor, Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, a graduate of Amherst College and

WESTFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB-HOUSE.



INTERIORS OF WESTFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB-HOUSE.

THE BOULEVARD, LOOKING SOUTH FROM ROSS PLACE.

Yale Divinity School, began his labors in 1887. During his pastorate the membership has doubled, the present number being 150; and the activities of the church have been developed widely. The building has also been enlarged to twice its original size, and provided with an organ of finest quality. The church is noted for benevolence, it standing first among the Congregational churches of New Jersey for missionary contributions in proportion to its size. The church has a comprehensive system of Christian nurture. The Sunday school has adopted the inductive and historical method of Bible study. The church also provides a midweek training class for children, and is conspicuous for its devotion to the best interests of Westfield.

1794. WESTFIELD CENTENNIAL. 1894.

Westfield will be one hundred years old January 27, 1894. Preparations are being made for a fitting celebration of the anniversary. The township was originally a a part of Elizabeth, but was made an independent government January 27, 1793. It was then called West Fields. A banquet is to be held on the night of January 27, 1894, which promises to be the most brilliant gathering in Westfield's social history. Westfield's Centennial Association will have charge of the later festival which will take place Fourth of July week. As all the societies and business activities in the town are invited to send representatives to this Congress, also the municipalities that were once a part of West Fields, the scope of the festival in contemplation can readily be seen.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Beside local associations, most of the prominent societies have auxiliaries here. Westfield Lodge, No. 109, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is the oldest lodge in town, having been established November 1st, 21 years ago; Eugene K. Wilcox, Secretary. The Masons are represented by Atlas Lodge; Secretary, John O'Blenis. The Royal Arcanum has Fireside Council, No. 715; Secretary, Charles H. Day. The Immediate Aid Association of the Royal Arcanum has for its object the providing of a fund equal in amount to $1.00 for every member thereof, to be paid in case of the death of a member, to the beneficiary named, or in the case of the death of a beneficiary of a member, to be paid to the said member. Payment to be made in either case within 21 hours after receiving notice of death. Secretary, Charles H. Day.

Union Council, No. 5, of the Loyal Additional Benefit Association, is comprised of members of the Royal Arcanum seeking $2,000 additional benefit, and is confined to preferred risks. Recorder, Charles H. Johnson. The Ancient Order of United Workmen sustain Upchurch Lodge, No. 50; C. F. W. Wittke, Secretary. The Junior Order of American Mechanics is also represented; Secretary, William Stametts.

Fairview Cemetery Association was organized January 13th, 1868. Present Officers: President, Chauncey B. Ripley, LL.D.; Vice-President, J. S. Irving; Secretary, Benjamin J. Crosby; Treasurer, George H. Brown. There is a Building and Loan Association, of which J. R. Connolly is Secretary. The secretary of the Chil-

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, LODGE AND SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

STATION OF THE CENTRAL R. R. OF NEW JERSEY.

dren's Country Home is Miss Emma L. Bridges; of the Willard Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. J. Z. Hatfield; of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Anna Miller.

The Fire Department was organized in November, 1876. It is a volunteer department, and has a Hook and Ladder, Engine, Hose, and two Chemical Companies. It occupies a new and convenient house.

Mrs. Hannah E. Archer is proprietor of the Westfield Seminary and Rev. G. W. Gibbens, principal. This seminary is located at Meadow Brook Farm, on Rahway avenue. It is open for boarding or day scholars of either sex, and makes a specialty of military drill, physical culture, art embroidery, recitations, singing, etc. Public reception the last Friday in every month.

Mrs. J. Livingston Dewey has a studio in the Standard building, where she gives instruction on the piano and in voice culture, the art of breathing, etc. Over twenty years experience in New York and Jersey City enables her to teach thoroughly, from the rudiments to the highest grade, inclusive.

Dr. Sherman Cooper was the first of the present members of the medical profession to settle in Westfield. He began practice here in 1872. Dr. Cooper was educated at Burlington, Vermont, and received a diploma from what is now the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. He was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the 6th Regiment of New Hampshire, October 17, 1861, and was promoted to Surgeon, March 20, 1863. He resigned and was mustered out of the service, November 30, 1864, after three years of constant, active service in field and hospital. His practice is old-school. Office hours: until 9 A. M.; 12 to 2; 6 to 8 P. M.

Dr. Theodore V. Smith has been a resident of Westfield since 1876. He has followed the profession of medicine very successfully for the last twenty years. Dr. Smith is a graduate of the New York Homeopathic Medical College and a member of State and county medical societies. He is the only representative of homeopathy in Westfield. Residence and office, Clark street. Office hours: 8 to 10 A. M.; 1 to 3; 7 to 8 P. M.

Dr. J. B. Harrison began the practice of medicine in Westfield in 1877. He is a graduate of the Medical College of Alabama, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. His practice is allopathic.

Dr. Fred. A. Kinch began practice as an allopathic physician in 1882. He is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. Office, corner Broad street and Mountain avenue. Hours: 7 to 9 A. M.; 12 to 2; 6 to 8 P. M.

Dr. Alfred H. Scofield joined the profession here in 1893. He is a graduate of Princeton College and the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Practice, old school. Office, First National Bank building. Hours: 8 to 10 A. M.; 5 to 6; 7 to 8 P. M.

The legal profession is represented by the firm of Green, Codding & Van Winkle, having an office in the First National Bank building. Among the lawyers resident in Westfield, are: Chauncey B. Ripley, L.L.D., Col. George H. Starr, Charles N. Codding, William G. Peckham, James O. Clark, John B. Green, Harry C. Knight and Charles B. Van Winkle.

BROAD STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.

BUSINESS INTERESTS OF WESTFIELD.

We have devoted the last few pages of our book to the interests of the merchants of Westfield. In the preceding pages we have endeavored to show the character of residences now here and to call attention to the many advantages which Westfield has to offer as a place of suburban residence. Good stores are indispensible to the comfort of a village home, and we believe that a perusal of these pages will demonstrate the fact that Westfield is not wanting in this respect. They are also evidence that the residents of the town are sufficiently public spirited to patronize home industries instead of making every trip from the city a burden because of baskets and bundles.

THE UNION COUNTY STANDARD,

under whose auspices this little work is issued, is not yet ten years old. It has met and overcome, not only the regulation obstacles that beset the way of a young newspaper enterprise, but has, also, been tried by fire and survived a conflagration that will remain memorable in the annals of Westfield. For, on that lurid night of January 3, 1892, families were made homeless and a block of business property was destroyed. The STANDARD was among the sufferers and was literally "fired out." One of the most complete newspaper outfits in the State went up in flames. But with the American flag—that symbol of pluck and perseverance—streaming above a lot of salvage piled in the street, by the light of the fire, one of the STANDARD'S force wrote a bulletin which read "Temporary quarters of the UNION COUNTY STANDARD, now open for business." That afternoon the STANDARD had an extra on the street describing in detail the losses by fire, and incidentally, its own. This spirit explains the STANDARD'S splendid success. How the force built a wigwam, and how, for the rest of that winter, the compositors stood on hot bricks, to keep their feet from freezing, as with benumbed fingers they "stuck" type; and how, with never a murmur "the boys" stood by through all the trials and tribulations; and how the paper went on making friends until, finally, the stars and stripes, and the STANDARD'S *burgee*, floated in triumph from its present handsome home, is all a matter of local history and local pride. And to-day

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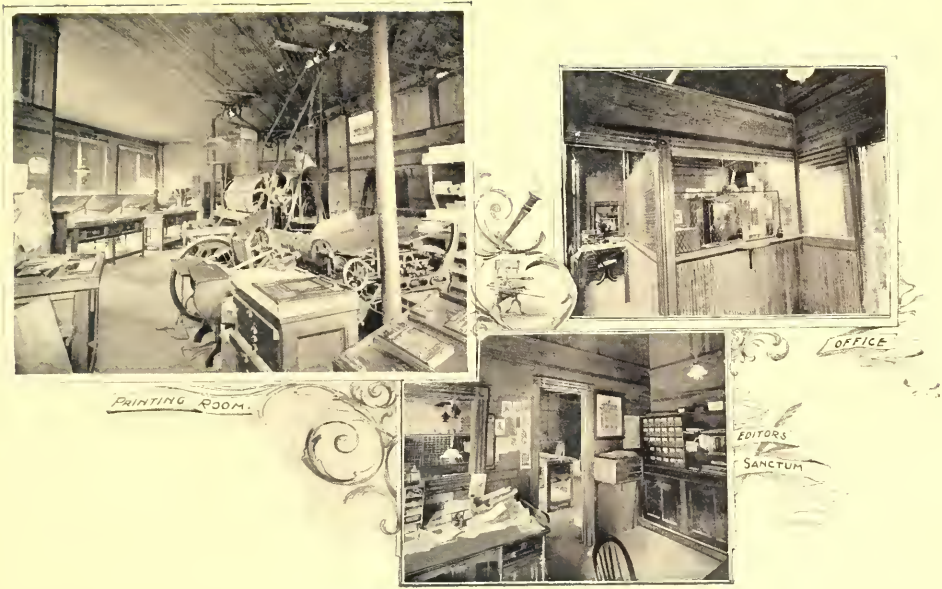
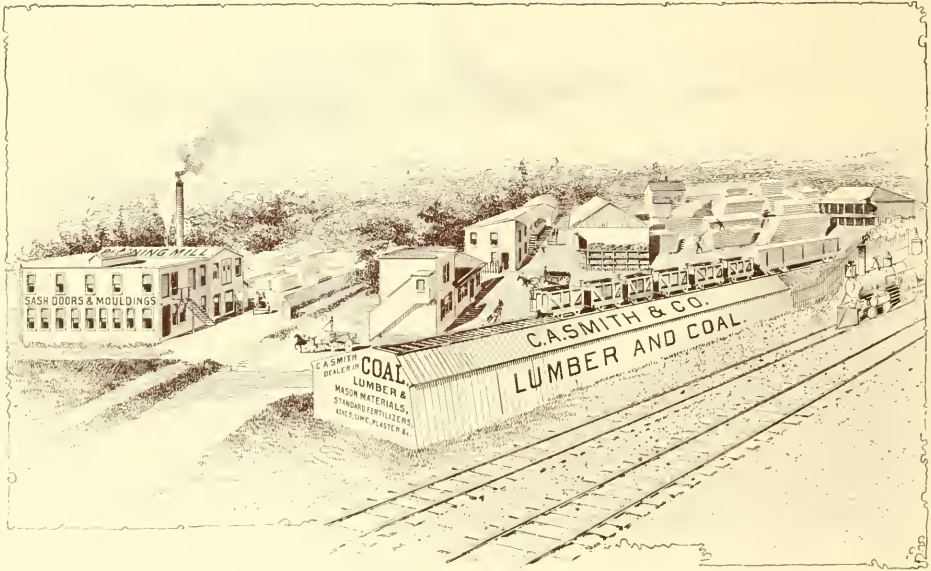


INTERIOR VIEWS, STANDARD BUILDING.



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The Mountain Avenue residence of William Stitt, illustrated on a previous page is for sale. This house contains 13 rooms, is provided with hot and cold water and gas, is heated with a hot-air furnace, and supplied, by means of a hydraulic ram, with the purest of spring water.

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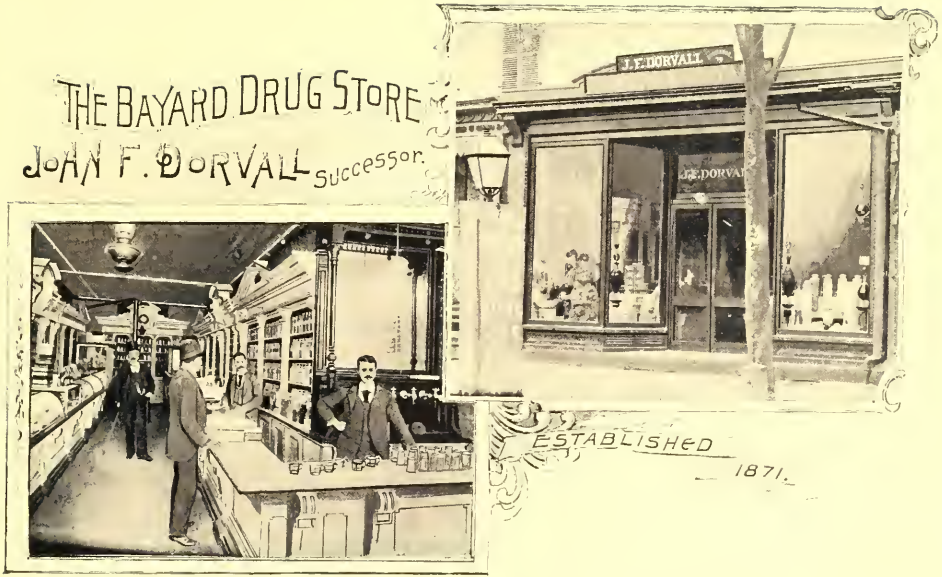

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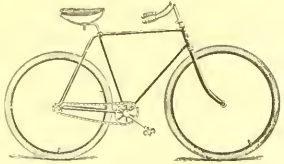

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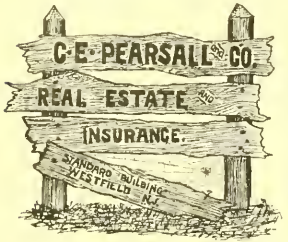

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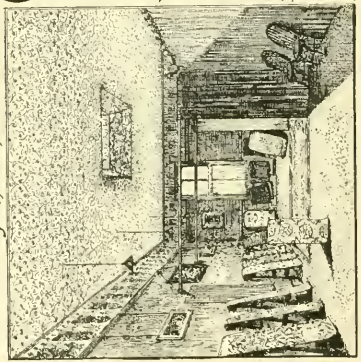

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